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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Great battle fought in Colombia, resulting in a victory for the government forces. —— Boer forces invade Cape Colony; an attack on Winburg is expected. —— Foreign ministers in Pekin agree to the terms of the joint note. —— The House of Representatives passed bills to compel the Pennsylvania and B. & O. railroad to change their terminal facilities in Washington, D. C. —— The Senate is ready for a vote to-day on the Hay Pauncefote treaty. — The police census of the city of Raleigh is only 31 more than the government enumeration. —— Former President Grover Cleveland gives his view on the plight of the Democratic party. —— Frank Huffines and his brother shot and mortally wounded by deputy sheriffs near Oak Ridge, Guilford county, N. C. —— Dr. Chas. Jas. O'Hagen, of Greenville, N. C., died suddenly. —— N. Y. markets. Money on call steady at 4@5 per cent., last loan being at 4½ per cent.; prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent.; cotton dull; middling uplands 10c; flour was quiet; wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red 77⅞c; corn—spot firm; No. 2, 47c at elevator; oats—spot firm; No. 2, 27½c; rosin was quiet; strained common to good $1.75; spirits turpentine quiet at 40½@41c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 19.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 41 degrees; 8 P. M., 55 degrees; maximum, 61 degrees; minimum, 39 degrees; mean, 50 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 2.23 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—For North Carolina—Rain Thursday; Friday fair in southern, rain in northern portions; colder, except in extreme eastern portion; variable winds, becoming fresh northwesterly Friday.

Port Almanac---December 20.

Sun Rises	7.07 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.48 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 41 M.
High Water at Southport	6.39 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	9.09 P. M.

Atlanta will soon be looking upward as well as onward. She is going to build a twenty-story hotel, which will be a four-hundred room shack.

The "open door" policy may be all right, but the fellow who insists on leaving the door open when the mercury is loitering around zero carries it to extremes.

We are under obligations to the Philadelphia *Record* for its Almanac for 1901, a comprehensive compilation of interesting and useful information, conveniently arranged for ready reference.

The Armour Packing Company doesn't purpose to let the Salt Trust salt it and has bought a little salt mine for its own use. This company will save about $250,000 a year by digging its own salt.

The Henderson *Gold Leaf*, one of the most attractive and best of our weekly exchanges, entered on its twentieth year last Thursday. There is no better, or better managed weekly in the State.

As far as numbers go New Hampshire ought to feel pretty well satisfied with her legislature which is composed of 325 representatives and senators. There might be more, but the population of that State is not very large.

They have no curfew law in New York, but the Supreme Court has decided that a woman should be home by midnight. If she makes a habit of staying out later than that she must carry a night key and not expect her husband to sit up to let her in.

It is said that a few newspapers spread between the covers on a bed will be equivalent to a blanket or two and that a newspaper around the body under the coat is as good as an overcoat, and yet there are some people who do not think much of newspapers.

Chosen Friends May Be Benefitted.

Wilmington Council, No. 19, Order of Chosen Friends, met last night and discussed the recent change in the affairs of the Supreme Council. There was a large attendance of members and all were satisfied with the plan of being merged into the Standard Fraternal Association. A committee composed of Dr. S. Mendelsohn, Mr. Wm. Struthers and Mr. I. M. Bear, was appointed to formulate plans for the change of certificates as soon as the Supreme Council advises them of its final action. A member of the order told a reporter last night that the policies will be increased instead of decreased and the new order will be more beneficial in every way.

CHAMBER COMMERCE.

Special Meeting Yesterday Afternoon for Consideration of Important Matters.

THE CULLOM BILL ENDORSED.

Proposed Inland Water Route for Wilmington Explained—Manufacturing Plant for Castle Haynes--Stevedore and Pilotage Laws.

Probably the most important session of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce held this year was the special meeting yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, at which a number of matters of vital consequence to the business interests of the port were brought up. Prominent among these were the Cullom bill; the matter of the proposed canal from New Topsail inlet to Harrison's creek; a project to dredge out the Northeast river to Castle Haynes; the compulsory pilotage and stevedore laws, and other matters of minor importance.

Messrs. M. S. Willard and J. A. Taylor, comprising the committee to whom was referred the matter of the Cullom bill, presented an exhaustive report, dissenting from the request of the Louisville Board of Trade, that the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce exert its influence for the defeat of the measure in Congress. The report consists of over six typewritten pages and is entirely too lengthy for publication in the STAR to-day. The bill is designed to extend and enlarge the powers of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and has been pending for some time. Consideration of it was given by the Chamber less than a year ago and a comprehensive report endorsing it by Mr. J. Allen Taylor was approved at the time.

The question was upon this occasion brought up by a request from the Louisville Board of Trade that the Wilmington Chamber go on record as opposing it, which the meeting yesterday afternoon failed to do but adopted the report of Messrs. Taylor & Willard answering every objection raised by the Louisville body and pointing to many advantageous propositions embodied therein. The secretary was instructed to furnish a copy of the report to each member of the House and Senate from North Carolina and request their co operation in the matter of the passage of the Cullom bill.

The question of the proposed canal from New Topsail inlet to Harrison's creek, in Pender county, was next introduced and Capt. Edgar D. Williams, by request, explained the many advantages that would accrue to the port from the improvement and illustrated the details of the project by charts. Capt. Williams began his remarks by saying that Wilmington was the only port of any size that did not have some inland water way provided by the government. The plan is to cut a canal of 8 to 8½ feet depth from New Topsail through Harrison's creek to Northeast river, thereby connecting with Wilmington by Northeast river, which has a uniform depth of 9 to 10 feet from Harrison's creek to Wilmington. By this method small vessels bound north or south would have an inside fresh water route free from danger and adverse winds. It would prove especially beneficial to barges such as trade through the canals from Philadelphia and Baltimore and through the Albemarle and Chesapeake and Dismal Swamp canals to Elizabeth City, Washington and Newbern and also to the small class of government vessels, cruising up and down the coast, and yachts bound South to Cuba and Porto Rico. All of these would come by the proposed route instead of going from Beaufort 90 miles to Frying Pan Lightship; thence to the Cape Fear bar 22 miles and up to Wilmington 30 miles, making a total of 142 miles. The distance by the new route would be 50 miles from Beaufortor Cape Lookout bight to New Top sail, 8 miles, through the canal to Northeast river 8 miles, and thence down to Wilmington 27 miles, making a total of 85 miles and escaping the dangers of Frying Pan, likely adverse winds and objectionable features of ocean travel to the smaller craft.

It is calculated that the dredging would cost the government from $10,000 to $20,000 per mile but Capt. Williams thinks the amount would be well spent as it would greatly increase the commerce of the port and prove an untold benefit to yachts and other small craft.

On motion of Mr. J. A. Taylor the committee having in charge this project, was continued with instruction to report at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. J. H. Chadbourn, Jr., stated that a party of capitalists had in contemplation the establishment of a $200,000 manufacturing enterprise at Castle Haynes and he desired that the Chamber of Commerce take up the matter of having the government to dredge Northeast river to a depth of 13½ feet to that point. He stated that he was informed that the river already had a depth of 9 feet to Castle Haynes and for this reason the plan would be very feasible. The matter was referred to the committee on Harbor Shipping and Commerce, consisting of Messrs. H. G. Smallbones, Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., and Capt. E. W. VanC. Lucas.

The matter of a change in the laws governing and regulating stevedoring at the port of Wilmington was, upon motion of Mr. M. S. Willard and seconded by Mr. J. A. Taylor, referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. C. W. Worth, J. T. Riley and J. A. Springer.

Mr. J. A. Arringdale, president of the Cape Fear Lumber Company, brought up the matter of alleged excessive port charges and attacked the compulsory pilotage law. Action on the matter was deferred until both sides could be heard upon the subject. The question evoked quite a lengthy discussion participated in by Messrs. M. S. Willard, Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., and others. At length a motion prevailed that the president appoint a committee to investigate the matter and report at the next meeting. President Jacobi stated that as the question was one of so much moment, he would take time to make selections of members of the committee.

Those present and participating in the meeting were Mr. M. W. Jacobi (president), Colonel John L. Cantwell (secretary), Messrs. T. D. Meares, A. B. Skelding, W. E. Worth, J. T. Riley, J. A. Arringdale, R. R. Stone, J. A. Springer, J. A. Taylor, M. S. Willard, T. S. McManus, W. N. Harriss, W. R. Barksdale, J. H. Chadbourn, Jr., W. M. Cumming, Col. Walker Taylor, Capt. E. D. Williams and representatives of the press.

An adjournment was taken, subject to the call of the chairman.

LOCAL DOTS.

— An appointment has been made for Dr. George C. Worth to speak at Southport to-night.

— Rev. R. F. Bumpass will preach at Centenary Methodist Church at Newbern on Sunday.

— The barque *Victor*, in tow of the tug *Wm. F. McCauley*, sailed yesterday from Savannah for this port.

— The Mormons of this section of the State are in annual conference at Goldsboro this week. About thirty elders are in attendance.

— Mr. W. B. McGill, of Bladen county, passed through the city yesterday with a crazy colored woman, whom he was carrying to the asylum at Goldsboro.

— Friends in the city of ex-Judge W. R Allen, of Goldsboro, and Judge Oliver H. Allen, of Kinston, will deeply sympathize with them in the death of their mother, which occurred Tuesday at Goldsboro. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

— Carpenters and brick masons are making decided improvements in the work rooms of Mr. M. H. Curran's tailoring establishment on Princess street. When completed Mr. Curran will have one of the most conveniently appointed establishments of its kind the State.

— The Charlotte lodge of Elks has distributed to ministers of the various religious denominations in its city 150 invitations to be distributed to worthy poor children, asking them to a Christmas dinner at the Elks' Club. Each one of the little children will be presented with a present on Christmas.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Clyde Line—Sailing days.
J. T. Burke—Delayed shipment.
S. H. MacRae—Bankrupt notice.
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BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Bunch of keys.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. E. Piner, A. C. L. gateman, is confined to his home by sickness.

— Mr. A. M. McNeill, register of deeds of Bladen county, was here yesterday.

— Wade Wishart, Esq., of Whiteville, made business calls in the city yesterday.

— Mr. A. J. Crampton, of Charlotte, was an arrival at The Orton yesterday.

— Miss Thalia Lord arrived last evening from Baltimore to spend the holidays with relatives.

— Mr. T. C. McNeely, superintendent of the Carolina Northern railroad, was here yesterday.

— Mrs. W. W. Holladay and Miss Mary Cole left last night for New York to spend the holidays.

— Col. A. L. Jones, president of the Southeastern Lumber Company at Ashpole, was here yesterday.

— Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., returned last night from a visit to Philadelphia, Easton and Reading, Pa.

— Mr. Edwin Y. Wootten arrived home last evening from the A. and M. college to spend Christmas.

— Miss Neppie Borden came home from the Greensboro Female college last night to spend the holidays.

— Prof. J. A. Holmes and family returned to Chapel Hill yesterday after visiting the family of Mr. B. F. Hall.

— Dr. E. S. Willard, of the Willard Institute of Osteopathy, this city, has left Greensboro and will open an office in Greenville, N. C.

— Mrs. Annie B. Gillican and daughter, Miss Lavinia Gillican, have returned after a visit of several weeks to friends in South Carolina.

— Mr. C. L. O'Berry, of Oak Ridge Academy, who has been visiting Mr. Fred Dock for several days, left last night for his home at Dudley.

Base Ball Meeting in Norfolk.

North Carolina had no representation at the base ball meeting in Norfolk Tuesday night, but letters were presented to the body from ten North Carolina cities seeking admission into the inter-State league. One of the Virginia managers will visit the cities in this State and decide upon four teams for the new association.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Charles Schnibben Submitted His Annual Report for Fiscal Year.

MAKES VERY FINE SHOWING.

The Per Centage of Loss Was Marvelously Small—Recommended Many Improvements in the Service. More Pay for Firemen.

There is no department of public work in which the people of Wilmington point with more universal pride than to its fire department, which is pronounced by all the finest in the South. Each movement in this branch of the city service is, therefore, watched with keen interest and no annual report from a department of the government is received by the public with greater avidity than the annual statements of Chief Charles Schnibben, who has been the capable head of the department for the three years during which the "paid department" has been in existence.

Chief Schnibben's report for the past fiscal year ending December 1st, was last night transmitted to the Board of Aldermen and showed among other things the following interesting statistics:

The number of alarms in each month were distributed as follows: Dec., 18; Jan., 21: Feb., 24; March, 19; April, 17; May, 5; June, 8; July, 6; Aug., 4; Sept., 5; Oct., 11; Nov., 8 The causes of the alarms were varied, the greatest number—32—being from sparks from chimneys and some of the other causes being, false, 28; defective flue, 12; unknown, 19, chimney burning out, 14; hot ashes, 4.

During the year the department responded to 147 alarms of which 110 were by bell, 23 by telephone and 14 were still alarms The class of buildings in which fires occurred were, frame, 109; brick, 10; wood wharf, 1; shavings in yard, 1; total buildings, 121.

The value of buildings where fires occurred was $298,794, and value of contents $257,198, making the total value of property at risk $555,992. On this property there was insurance of $450,437. The loss on buildings and contents not insured was $3,928, while the amount paid on property insured was $19,869.53. The per centage of fire loss during the year to the amount of property at risk was 4.28 per cent. The average loss per fire was $161.92. The total amount of damage to buildings during the year was $11,904.59; to contents, $11,887.95; total, $23,792.53. The fire losses for the past three fiscal years were $22,008.19, $24,947.98 and $23,792.53 for the fiscal years ending in 1898, 1899 and 1900, respectively.

Chief Schnibben in his report deems it proper to call the attention of the aldermen to some needed improvements, including the lack of a requisite number of hydrants in the northern, eastern and southern sections of the city. He recommends the establishment of a hydrant at Nutt and Hanover streets, and the removal of one on the S. A. L. yards to Nutt street. He also emphasizes the need of a fire lighter for the transportation of apparatus across the river, and cites as an instance of its need the $7,000 fire across the river in the naval store yards there last year. He also asks for an increase in the pay of firemen, substantiating his claim to better wages for his men by pointing to the arduous duties of the service and the restrictions thrown about them. He finds that some of his best men are seeking more profitable employment in other channels, thereby jeopardizing the efficiency of the service.

Chief Schnibben also details in his report the equipment of the department and the men under his charge, showing five stations and the employment of 32 men. The great improvement is detailed at length and deserved thanks is returned to Capt. John H. Hanby, chairman of the Public Building Committee, under whose personal supervision much of the work has been done. The value of the various station houses is placed at $12,500 and that of the apparatus and horses at $20,950, making the total $33,450. The improvement of the fire alarm system under the capable direction of Superintendent John T. Yates was noted, and under head of "Water Supply" Chief Schnibben says that there are now 106 hydrants in the city and he wishes to tender to Superintendent W. F. Robertson and Engineer John Sweeney, of the Clarendon Water Works Company, his sincere thanks for assistance given and interest manifested. He also pays a merited tribute to the efficiency of the men in the department; their sober industrious habits and neat appearance. He concludes his report with thanks for generous co operation to Mayor Waddell, Alderman Taylor, chairman of the Fire Committee, and the entire Board of Aldermen.

Mr. John T. Yates, superintendent of the Fire Alarm System, also tendered his report with that of Chief Schnibben, showing this branch of the service much improved over last year and in good condition.

Columbus Court Adjourned.

The special term of Columbus Superior Court at Whiteville adjourned yesterday. Judge Robinson and others interested in the session passed through the city yesterday returning home. There were four commitments to terms in the State penitentiary including the old man, D. J. Register, who was sent up for one year for manslaughter.

MARRIED AT ROCKY POINT.

Prominent Young Man of Currie Led to the Altar Miss Carrie Sparkman, of Rocky Point.

A very pretty wedding ceremony was celebrated at the home of Mr. C. N. Sparkman, of Rocky Point, yesterday at noon in the marriage of his charming daughter, Miss Carrie Nixon Sparkman, to Mr. Jesse Frederick Lucas, a son of State Bank Examiner George L. Lucas, of Currie. The ceremony was performed in the Rocky Point M. E. church by the Rev. D. P. McGeachy, of Burgaw, and the bridal attendants consisted of Mrs. D. D. Sparkman, dame of honor; Miss Thyra Lucas, sister of the groom, maid of honor; Mr. Lee Simpson, best man; Mr. J. Bruce Black, Mr. D. D. Sparkman and Mr. E. T. Huggins. Miss Henri Shepard, of Wilmington, was organist and ushered in the bridal party to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march. An intermezzo from Cavaleria Rusticana was softly played during the ceremony and the party retired to the tuneful strains of Mendelsohn's wedding march.

The bride wore a becoming going-away gown of grey cloth with gloves and hat to match. The church was beautifully decorated in palms, ferns, smilax and other evergreens.

A reception and breakfast were given the bridal party at the home of the bride at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and last night at the home of the groom at Currie another reception was given. The wedding was a delightful event for all those in attendance and the popular couple received many congratulations from friends.

DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

Several Matters of Importance Were Discussed at the Meeting Yesterday.

The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, was held yester day afternoon. Mrs. E. H. Parsley, the president, presided and Mrs. Sarah S. James was secretary. Excellent reports from the State convention at Raleigh were read by Mrs. James, and approved.

The matter of the Soldiers' Home was brought up and an appeal which will be made to the Legislature to make some appropriation and provision for the old veteran's home, was read and endorsed. Anybody desiring to contribute to the cause may leave their contribution with Mrs. Parsley, the president.

The following committee was appointed to meet with the committee appointed by the Veterans to arrange for the Lee birthday exercises next month: Mrs. T. E. Sprunt, Mrs. R. C. Cantwell, Mrs. J. W. Carmichael and Mrs. S. S. James.

Capt. C. B. Denson, of Raleigh, secretary of the State organization of United Confederate Veterans, in a delightful letter, accepted the invitation of Cape Fear Chapter to deliver the oration at Wilmington on next Memorial Day.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Pays a Tribute to Mrs. E. Warren.

At yesterday's special meeting of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce the following resolution was introduced by Col. Walker Taylor and unanimously adopted:

"The sudden and unexpected demise of Mrs. Elizabeth Warren has removed from our midst a character in many respects unique. For many years she has moved among us the embodiment of frankness, of integrity and of good citizenship. She was a woman of unusual natural abilities and rare common sense, and in her business relations, commanded the respect and esteem of the entire community. Her business qualifications were unusual, and her energy phenomenal. With this combination, she founded and reared a business which is a monument to her commercial integrity and ability.

Resolved, That this Chamber express its deep regret at her loss, and extend to the family of the deceased our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Married at Burgaw.

Mr. David Sparkman, of Rocky Point, and Miss Katie Hand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hand, of Burgaw, were happily married Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church at Burgaw. It was a lovely wedding and there were many attendants. A delightful reception was given at the home of the bride's parents after the wedding. Among the Wilmingtonians who witnessed the marriage were the Misses Ennett, Miss Henrietta Shepard, and Dr. C. T. Hawes, Messrs. R. G. Grady, Robt. Hand, Jr., and Sparkman Sidbury.

To Friends of the Poor.

Rev. J. J. Payseur, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist Church, is trying to make all the poor children in Brooklyn community happy for Christmas by distributing Christmas gifts. To this end he asks that any one who desires to share Christmas with the poor children send clothing, shoes, eatables, wood, toys, fruits, etc. If money is sent, the exact needs of some can be supplied. Send all donations to Rev. Mr. Payseur, 315 North Sixth street.

New Cashier for Atlantic National.

The Charleston *Evening Post* of the 18th inst. says: "Mr. Andrew Moreland, of this city, will leave on January 1st for Wilmington, N. C., where he goes to take the position of cashier in the Atlantic National Bank. He has been with the Carolina Savings Bank for eight years."

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Special Meeting Last Night at Which Liquor Licenses Were Granted.

FEW UNIMPORTANT MATTERS

Several Bills Ordered Paid to City Attorney—Delinquent Tax List for 1899 Will Be Proceeded With According to Law.

A short special session of the Board of Aldermen lasting from 8 to 10 o'clock was held last night, at which the most important item of business transacted was the approval of applications for liquor licenses for the ensuing six months beginning January 1st. Mayor Waddell presided at the meeting and those in attendance were Aldermen Littleton, Worth, Taylor, Springer, Hanby and West; City Attorney Meares and Capt. C. H. White, clerk.

The licenses granted were as follows: C. P. B. Mahler, 501 North Fourth; Jno. M. Meyland, No. 17 Princess; F. W. Ortmann, No. 17 North Second; The Orton, M. O'Brien, Nutt and Red Cross; F. G. Punke, Second and Market; E. J. Pollard, Second and Princess; N. B. Rankin, No. 110 North Front; I. B. Rhodes, No. 123 Princess; J. D. Steljes, Thirteenth and Market; J. B. J. Sandlin, No. 701 Chesnut, Sternberger Bros., No. 213-215 North Front; M. Schnibben, No. 601 Red Cross; George Schnibben, Seventh and Nixon; E. P. H. Strunck, No. 501 South Fourth; J. D. Southerland, Seventh and Castle; Joseph S. Sneeden, No. 115 South Front; W. A. Vollers, No. 28 South Front; J. W. Duls, No. 114 South Front; T. E. Mayer, No. 5 Market; Kerchner & Harris, No. 114 North Front; J. D. Dennis, Fourth and Nixon; Dan Benton, Magnolia and Orange; H. J. Bennett, Market and Water; New License at No. 15 South Water; W. V. Hardin No. 119 Princess; H. F. Haar, No. 108 South Front; George H. Heyer, No. 803 North Fourth; E. B. Haar, No. 220 Market; F. Herbst, No. 22 Market; J. E. Hinnant, No. 6 South Front; John H. Kuck, No. 6 North Water; J. G. Kuhlken, Sixth and Swann; H. W. Konig, No. 826 North Fourth; G. W. Linder & Co., No. 32 South Front; F. P. Lamb, No. 520 MacRae street; W. H. Lamb, No. 26 North Water street; Peter Mohr, No. 1201 Market; J. G. L. Gieschen & Co., No. 31 South Front; Gieschen Bros., Front and Red Cross; T. J. Gore, No. 22 South Water; C. D. Gore, Nutt and Orange; Jurgen Haar, No. 901 North Front; H. T. Duls, Chesnut and MacRae; J. W. H. Fuchs, corner Front and Orange; Capps & Co., No. 119 South Front; D. L. T. Capps & Bro., Sixth and Castle; J. L. Croom, Mulberry and Water; M. F. Croom & Co., No. 102 North Water; D. N. Chadwick, No. 15 Market street; J. H. Brunjes, No. 925 North Fourth; J. H. Boesch, No. 801 North Fourth; B. Bellois, No. 120 Market; Sol. Bear & Co., No. 20 Market; B. H. J. Ahrens, No. 630 Market; Chas. Richter, North Fourth; Carl Stern, No. 208 North Water; Home Brewing Company, No. 114 North Water; Robert Portner Brewing Co., Eighth and Brunswick.

The application of F. B. Brown, No. 513 Campbell street, was not granted.

An application for license to conduct a meat market at corner Seventh and Castle streets was granted Messrs. J. W. Hansley and J. W. Guthrie.

Bills of City Attorney Iredell Meares for professional services in the amounts of $35 and $50, respectively, in cases of Ira C. Williams and W. T. Mercer against certain police officers of the city, were approved and ordered paid after concurrence in the same by the Board of Audit and Finance. Another bill presented by Mr. Meares in the sum of $157.80 for professional services in the case of E. D. McIlhenny, was approved.

Upon motion of Alderman Worth, the City Clerk and Treasurer was directed to turn over to the City Attorney the delinquent tax list of 1899 for collection.

The application of Grace M. E. Sunday school for occupancy of the City Hall for a festival to be given on Dec. 28th, was referred to Mayor Waddell with power to act.

The board then took an adjournment, subject to call of the Mayor.

THE FIRES LAST NIGHT.

Residence of Jos. Sternberger and Store of Dan Benton Burned.

The two-story frame dwelling, No. 218 North Sixth street, owned by Annie C. Evans, colored, and occupied by Mr. Joseph Sternberger, was damaged to the extent of about $500 last night by a fire which originated in the rear of the residence from a cause unknown. The department responded to an alarm from box 34 at 11:25 o'clock and soon had the flames under control. There was $700 insurance on the building. Dwelling No. 216 adjoining Mr. Sternberger's residence and owned and occupied by Annie C. Evans, was damaged slightly but was fully insured. St. Mark's colored Episcopal church, also adjoining, was damaged to a slight extent.

The alarm at 1.15 o'clock this morning was on account of the burning of the grocery and liquor store of Mr. Dan Benton, corner Orange and Magnolia streets. The building was owned by Mr. Sol. Bear and is practically a total loss. The stock was also a total loss and was valued at about $800. The building was valued at $600. The amount of insurance could not be ascertained. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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Let us have your account, and see if we cannot do what we say.
Foreign Exchange bought and sold.
H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.
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AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

"Runaway Girl" To-night and Terry McGovern To-morrow Evening.

"The Runaway Girl."—This charming musical gem has the rare distinction of having enjoyed a continuous "run" of six hundred nights at the Gaiety Theatre in London, and what is still more rare, a long and prosperous career of three hundred nights at Daly's Theatre. The entire production is one that is sure to please patrons, and the engagement of this thoroughly capable organization will undoubtedly prove to be of the most successful of the season. It will be seen at the Opera House to-night.

Terry McGovern.—With such a strong combination as Terry McGovern, Joseph Harrington and Miss Agnes Herndon as stars, that great sensational production of "The Bowery After Dark" should play to a crowded house to-morrow night at the Opera House. Terry McGovern, the greatest little fighter in the world, who holds both the feather and the light-weight championships, plays the part of the "Bowery Boy." Seats on sale this morning, usual prices.

At the Opera House Last Night.

"What Happened to Jones," one of the funniest farces on the road, was presented by an excellent company at the theatre last night. The play was fast and furious and the many loud bursts of applause demonstrated that the audience was heartily amused at the clever situations and the bright wholesome fun that characterized the entire performance. The entertainment was well worth the admission price and certainly deserved a large patronage.

— Mr. William Hope Whyte, one of the cleverest of the clever of the army of Standard Oil Company representatives, left yesterday for Charlotte after spending some time in the city.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Opera House
Thursday, December 20.
AUSTIN DALY'S MUSICAL COMEDY CO. in
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with Mr. Arthur Dunn and 60 people in the Cast. The Merriest and Best of all. A thoroughly capable company, magnificent Chorus and Ballet, rich and picturesque costumes, elegant scenic embellishments, and delicious, bright and catchy music.
Its record: 600 nights in London, 300 in New York. su tu th dec 16 3t

Opera House
Friday, Dec. 21st.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States in the Eastern District of North Carolina. In the matter of D. D. McIntyre, Bankrupt. In bankruptcy. To the creditors of D. D McIntyre, of Lanrinburg, in the county of Scotland, in said district, bankrupt: Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1900, the said D. D McIntyre was duly adjudged a bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned referee in bankruptcy, in Fayetteville, in the said district, on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1900, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before the said meeting.
Dated Fayetteville, N. C., December 17th, 1900.
SAMUEL H. MACRAE,
dec 20 1t Referee in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States in the Eastern District of North Carolina. In the matter of J. W. Lane, Bankrupt. In bankruptcy. To the creditors of J. W. Lane, of Dunn, in the county of Harnett, in the said district, bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of December, A. D., 1900, the said J. W. Lane was duly adjudged a bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned referee in bankruptcy, in Fayetteville, in the said district, on the 31st day of December, A. D., 1900, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon; at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before the said meeting. Schedules show: Assets $795.00, all claimed by bankrupt as his constitutional exemption; Liabilities, $5,622.25.
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The Morning Star

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 20.

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON ON OUR NEW ACQUISITIONS.

When the Porto Rican tariff bill was under consideration in Congress, in reply to a question as to what he thought about it, ex-President Harrison said he feared that we were making "a grave departure" from established principles. He contented himself with this expression of dissent, declining to say more lest it might look as if he were trying to influence the action of Congress. As far as we know this is all he has said for publication on the question of our acquisitions from Spain until a few days ago, when he delivered an address before the law students of the University of Michigan on "The Status of Annexed Territory and Its Inhabitants."

Holding the views he does it is not strange that, stalwart Republican as he is, he so positively refused to make even one speech in the last campaign for the re-election of McKinley, for he is uncompromisingly opposed to the administration policy of expansion and to the reasons advanced in justification of it. Speaking as an American, a Republican and a constitutional lawyer of conceded erudition and ability, and as an ex-President of the United States, elected by the party that Mr. McKinley now represents, he takes issue with the administration and contends that the constitution does follow the flag, that these acquisitions are territory of the United States in every sense, whose inhabitants are entitled to all the rights and privileges of inhabitants of other territories, or they are foreign territory. There is no half-way ground—no way of so construing our fundamental law as to make any half way ground. The contention of the administration and those who agree with it is that while the jurisdiction of the United States extends over acquired territory the laws of the United States do not extend to it, but that it may be governed by Congress regardless of the constitution, or by the President as commander-in-chief of the army, which means that acquired territory may be governed either by a congressional or military despotism.

In his address ex-President Harrison made the following powerful arraignment of that contention:

"Is it too much to say that this view of the American Constitution is shocking? An outline of a possible law might include the suspension of the habeas corpus, creation of a dukedom, one special religion, a censorship, trial without an indictment, etc All these could be done if the constitution has no relation to the people in the territory And if Porto Rico, why not in Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Alaska?

"A government of unlimited powers is an un-American government and I don't b lieve the framers of the constitution were careful only of their own liberty. It is one thing to tolerate a condition that already exists, and it is another thing to create a condition that is wrong. Our fathers were not content to hold things in tenure of another man's benevolence.

"Why should we make use of one tariff law for the States and another for the Territories? Is it that we propose to have Territories for colonization, crown colonies, and that we are to be a world power? Congress has the power to lay duties, imports, etc., but all duties shall be uniform throughout the United States. Can duties be levied in New York to be expended for the education, etc., in Porto Rico, if Porto Rico is not a part of the United States? Region which is governed for the general welfare of the United States is a part of the United States.

"The flag cannot stand for the benevolent policy of one administration. It stands for a permanency. If the act of acquiring territory does not extend to the constitution, nothing will, except by its admission as a State. That we give back to Porto Rico all the money that we get from her is not excusable. When a tribute is levied and then returned as a benefaction it is only to declare the territory in a state of vassalage.

"It is said that expansion is the law national life, but expansion may be dropsical The conquest of the Dutch republics has not strengthened Britain. It has multiplied a disappointed people. It has made a revelation to her that there is need of larger armies and coast defences at home. I do not argue against expansion, but the old coach may be a safer vehicle for the folks than the bicycle."

This is a Government of limited powers, limited by written law, which the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States are as much bound by as the humblest citizen. They have no more right to ignore or violate the written law than the humblest citizen has, and it is no defence for them to declare that the constitution is not operative in a case where they choose to ignore it.

Some of the defenders of this arbitrary departure have gone so far as to assert that the flag does not carry the constitution into contiguous territory of the United States, such as the Indian Territory, Arizona, New Mexico or Oklahoma, which might all, if Congress saw fit, be governed outside of the constitution. They say this because they couldn't give a logical reason why the constitution should go with the flag into one territory and not go into another simply because it was surrounded by water. Suppose Congress were to act on this contention and put a tariff tax on products of these contiguous territories coming into the States and levy duty upon the products of the States going into those territories what a protest of indignation would ring out from one end of this land to the other. They would not dare to do that, they would not think of it, and yet they have just as much right to do it as they have to tax the products of these inland acquisitions, which they claim to be territory of the United States, coming to this country or the products of this country going to them.

But that contention would never have been made and taxing them would never have been thought of if it hadn't been discovered that free trade with them might bring some of their products into competition with the products of some of the protected industries in this country. Porto Rican tobacco might come into competition with the tobacco of Connecticut, and Porto Rico sugar might come into competition with the beet sugar makers in this country. That was the inspiration behind the Porto Rico tariff bill, to keep Porto Rican products out of our ports. Mr. Harrison says that he received a letter from a gentleman, (written presumably after he had expressed his regrets at the "grave departure from established principles,") saying that "it was absolutely necessary to pass the Porto Rico tariff bill to protect the beet sugar business." That was the milk in the cocoanut, and that was the pressure brought to bear on President McKinley to make him ignore his "plain duty" declaration and to throw the weight of his influence and his patronage to secure the adoption of the bill, and that was the inspiration to the discovery that the constitution does not follow the flag.

If the Supreme court should, in the cases now being argued before it, hold with those who contend that the constitution does follow the flag, and that we cannot have a Republic in one part of the land and an Empire elsewhere under the flag, it will be interesting to note the devices that will be resorted to to get rid of this acquired territory and take the back track on that kind of expansion.

MAKING SCAPEGOATS

The New York *Sun* is one of the organs that gets red hot when it discourses on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which it denounces without stint. It has no hesitation in saying that if Secretary Hay did the proper thing he would resign forthwith for the part he has taken in trying to force that intolerable document upon this country. Without discussing the merits (of which, according to the *Sun*, this treaty has none) or its demerits, why should the *Sun* vent its indignation upon Secretary Hay and let the rest of the Cabinet and the President go free?

Are they not all practically as responsible for it as Secretary Hay?

Wasn't it discussed in Cabinet council and approved before it was submitted to the Senate for ratification?

If the President had not approved it it would never have gone to the Senate, and yet the *Sun* has not a word of reproof or rebuke for the President, but jumps on Secretary Hay as if he alone were the offending party.

The fact is it is an administration measure, and the President is as anxious for its ratification as Secretary Hay is, and is using his influence to secure its ratification, and therefore it is manifestly unjust, and dishonest, too, to hold responsible for it a man who is really less responsible than the chief under whom he serves, and with whose approval that treaty was submitted to the Senate.

But it is the custom with some party organs to make scapegoats to screen the more responsible parties. Alger was made a scapegoat to screen the administration and now they are playing the same game with Hay.

The Washington *Post* asks: "Is the claw-hammer doomed?" We don't know; but it ought to be.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1135 Howard street, Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"it soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles 10c. at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Every bottle guaranteed. †

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THE BALANCE SHEET.

In view of the contention that ship subsidies are necessary for the upbuilding of American commerce, the following analysis of the United States Treasury report, showing the growth of our commerce for the past ten months, as compared with last year, which we clip from the New York *Herald*, will be interesting:

Raw cotton:—	1900	1899.
Exports.....	$228 491 898	$138 770,618
Imports.....	6 138,996	4.331.844
Net exp'ts	$222,362 902	$134,488 774
Provisions and dairy products:—		
Exports	$155 28! 280	$151 523 988
Imports	1 887,963	1 748,353
Net exp'ts	$153,393,317	$149,775,635
Iron, steel and all manufactures thereof:—		
Exports....	$109,492 297	$86 167,205
Imports.....	17 824 445	12,474 941
Net exp'ts	$91,667.852	$73 692,264
Oils, all kinds:—		
Exports	$85.256 379	$73,157,724
Imports.....	5,724 382	5,178 018
Net exp'ts	$79,531.997	$67,979,706
Breadstuffs:—		
Exports.....	$56,556,989	$57.946,496
Imports.....	1 350,410	1 327,166
Net exp'ts	$55,206.549	$56,619,330
Copper and manufactures thereof:—		
Exports.....	$51 041,957	$32.752,495
Imports.....	12,602.205	9 188,896
Net exp'ts	$38,439,752	$23,563,599

Commenting upon these figures the *Herald* says:

"The value of the oils—vegetable, animal and mineral—exported is surprising, and the sum might be increased by adding 10 million dollars for oleo, included above under provisions. More than one half of all this, or about 78 million pounds, went to the Netherlands, where it is converted into the margine some 20 million dollars's worth of which is exported yearly by that little country, and cynics fancy that some of it even gets into that famous Holland butter. Some of the bills we have to pay abroad are light in comparison with what they were some years ago. For instance, the sugar imported in the ten months cost us 80½ millions, coffee 46½ millions and tea 10 millions. Imports of tobacco in all forms costs us 14 millions, while on the other hand we exported 27½ millions' worth. Presumably owing to the war in China, our exports of cotton manufactures were but 18 millions, a decrease of 1½ millions, while the increased purchasing power of our people is reflected in an increase of nearly 7 millions in imports of manufactures of cotton, which amounted to nearly 30 millions.

"For the eleven months ended with November the value of products and merchandise exported exceeded the declared value of imports by 572 million dollars, being 34 millions larger than for the corresponding period in the record breaking year of 1898, and exceeding that for the corresponding ten months of last year by 148 millions. From this apparent balance indefinite deductions must be made for undervaluations, earnings of foreign corporations in this country, money spent by citizens travelling abroad, the cost of ocean freights and the altogether unknown amount of American securities returned. Whatever these items may aggregate, the exhibit is one to be proud of."

And yet the subsidy boomers insist that the people tax themselves $9,000,000 a year for twenty years (and no telling how long afterwards) to help a commerce which is hustling along at such a remarkable pace.

There is but one thing that will compare with this fraudulent scheme and that is the colossal cheek that dares advocate it.

SOME OF THE OBJECTIONS TO IT.

A few days ago we referred to the letter of Wm. E. Curtis, Washington correspondent of the Chicago *Record*, in which he said the Hanna subsidy bill was in danger of defeat. In analyzing the bill he gives the following as one of the strong objections to it:

"One of the principal arguments against the bill is that it favors European trade, which is already well supplied with transportation facilities, and practically ignores the South American trade and the necessities of transportation in other directions where we have none. A good many members of Congress who believe in building up a merchant marine by government assistance, think it would be wiser to establish regular lines of transportation to South American, Australia and China, Africa and other places with which we have no direct communication and pay so much money each year to each particular line until it can become self-sustaining rather than offer sweepstakes for any port. They argue that the latter plan, as proposed in the pending bill, will build up a lot of tramps to go as they please and wherever they can find cargoes, while the country needs direct and regular communication with certain foreign countries."

If one of the objects, and according to its advocates the main object, is to build up American commerce, why is it that a field with so many possibilities in it as Central and South America should be entirely overlooked? It is proposed to spend a couple hundred million dollars, or more, in the construction of an isthmian canal, which would so shorten the distance as to give us a decided advantage over European traders in these countries and yet we have never made any systematic efforts to form trade relations with them, but have looked on while Europeans have forged to the front and secured the bulk of the trade. What we want for that trade is moderate sized freighters, but this is the class of ships that is almost entirely ignored by the Hanna-Frye bill, which gives the plum to the high-speed nobby passenger ships that ply between New York and European ports, which will carry an insignificant amount of freight and never be seen in South American waters. A subsidy to encourage the growth of our commerce, if the intent be honest, should be given to the ships that carry that commerce, if given to any.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The death of Mrs. Maria A. Allen, relict of the late Col. W. A Allen, of Duplin, and latterly of the Goldsboro bar, and mother of Judge O. H. Allen, of Kinston, ex Judge W. R. Allen and Miss Lizzie Allen, of this city, occurred at the home of her son in this city Tuesday afternoon, in the 69th year of her age, after a lingering illness.

— Clarkton *Express*: A young colored man was murdered on Carver's Creek Thursday night at a "festible." The dead man's name was Ed Anders. Henry Monroe, Mitchell Monroe, Arthur and Van Williams were implicated in the killing. Henry and Arthur were caught, given a hearing before Magistrate D. H. Bright and sent to jail Saturday. It is said that Mitchell is the same coon who killed the Marshal of Red Springs last year

— Newbern *Journal*: The twice-escaped prisoner, John Manning, whose various adventures have already brought him prominently before the public, is again in the custody of Craven county. He was arrested Monday at Ayden, Pitt county, and taken to Kinston and put in jail there. Yesterday he was brought here by Deputy Sheriff H. G. Draney. Manning was at once sent across the river to work on the roads with the force of prisoners already there, and his further abrupt departure will be hindered by a ball and chain attachment, which is fastened to one of his ankles.

HE DROWNED THE BUFFALO.

A Texas Stockman's Story of an Experience In the Little Arkansas.

A group of cattlemen at the live stock convention at El Reno were talking about the skill of Oklahoma cowboys in throwing the lariat when R. E. Word, Sr., whose home is at Higgins, Tex., but whose cattle are mostly in Oklahoma, said: "I had an experience roping when I was a young man which put me through a lively gait. As a Texan who had followed the range all his life, I felt that there was not a broncho on top of the ground that could throw me and nothing on four legs that I couldn't rope and tie. In the summer of 1871 I was on the Little Arkansas river about five miles south of Wichita, Kan. I had a splendid horse, trained for the range and almost as intelligent as a man. One afternoon I came suddenly upon five big buffalo bulls that had wandered away from the main herd. I pulled my pistol, killed one of them and, not having time to reload, decided to rope one. Shortly afterward I found myself with a big job on my hands.

"At the first throw my rope dropped around the old bull's horns. Now, when a buffalo makes up his mind to go anywhere in a rush he travels in a straight line. You may be able to turn him a little, but in the main he will keep his course. That was what this bull did. He headed toward the Little Arkansas, with the evident intention of crossing it. My horse, always fearless when handling cattle, was timid when in close quarters with a buffalo, and I was unable to check the bull, who soon had me going south at a lively clip. I was becoming of the opinion that the only way out of my trouble was to cut my rope and let the bull carry it off.

"The Little Arkansas is narrow in places, while at no great distance away will be found pools four and five feet deep and from 25 to 40 feet wide. The bull rushed headlong into one of these pools. The opposite bank was perpendicular and about a foot and a half above the water. Taking in the situation quickly, I saw that I could run out my rope far enough to enable my horse to cross at a narrow, shallow place. He jumped across, in fact, ahead of the bull, which had to wade. My horse had to keep going and jerked the rope taut just as the bull started to climb up the bank. The jerk pulled the bull's nose into the water and his shaggy head against the perpendicular bank. He made a great uproar, but my horse held him there as in a vise. Strange as it may seem, I succeeded in keeping that bull's nose under water until he drowned. I always regarded this as my most brilliant feat of roping."—Oklahoma Cor. in Kansas City Star.

PEOPLE WHO SYNDICATE SORROW.

Not Apt to Be Popular With Their Fellow Men.

The most selfish man in the world is the one who is most unselfish—with his sorrows. He does not leave a single misery of his untold to you or unsuffered by you. He gives you all of them. The world becomes to him a syndicate formed to take stock in his private cares, worries and trials. His mistake is in forming a syndicate; he should organize a trust and control it all himself; then he could keep every one from getting any of his misery.

Autobiography constitutes a large part of the conversation of some people. It is not really conversation—it is an uninteresting monologue. These people study their individual lives with a microscope, and then they throw an enlarged view of their miseries on a screen and lecture on them as a stereopticon man discourses on the microbes in a drop of water. They tell you that they "did not sleep a wink all night;" they "heard the clock strike every quarter of an hour." Now, there is no real cause for thus boasting of insomnia. It requires no peculiar talent—even though it does come only to wide awake people.

If you ask such a man how he is feeling, he will trace the whole genealogy of his present condition down from the time he had the grip four years ago. You hope for a word; he gives you a treatise. You asked for a sentence; he delivers an encyclopedia. His motto is, "Every man his own Boswell." He is syndicating his sorrows.

The woman who makes her trials with her children, her troubles with her servants, her difficulties with her family, the subjects of conversation with her callers is syndicating her sorrows.—"Kingship of Self Control."

Private Charities.

Any one who is at all familiar with the feelings of the plain people must be aware that as a rule they are more willing to be sent in case of sickness to a hospital managed by a private corporation than to one managed by the public. Yet a vigorous agitation to abolish all public aid to private charities has been lately set on foot by many well meaning citizens who, it seems to me, look at the subject too exclusively from a theoretical standpoint. On the other hand, as the supervisor of Catholic charities in New York city has very well put that side of the question, the "private institutions give the use of their grounds, buildings and equipments to the public without charge and in addition do the work cheaper than it could be done in public institutions."—E. P. Wheeler in Atlantic.

Cheering.

Aspirant—You have heard my voice, professor. Now please tell me candidly what branch of vocalism it is best adapted for.

Professor—Well—cheering!

PUT THE WAITER TO FLIGHT.

Experience In Hotels Taught the Drummer How to Deal With Him.

A large man with a jolly, smooth shaven visage walked into a restaurant in the business district and ordered a steak a la creole. In due time it arrived and was deposited piping hot on his table, whereupon the large man proceeded to tuck a napkin under his collar and attacked the dish with a quiet gusto that was exhilarating to witness. He had disposed of perhaps a third and was working his way steadily through the remainder when his waiter sauntered up from behind and leaned confidentially over his shoulder.

"Steak all right, sir?" he asked in a tone of professional solicitude.

"Eh," exclaimed the large man, looking startled, "what's that?"

"I just asked whether the steak was all right," replied the waiter.

The large man laid down his knife and fork. "What do you think is the matter with it?" he inquired in an anxious undertone.

"Why—why—nothing, I guess," said the waiter, beginning to get disconcerted. "I was only asking, you know."

"But what prompted you to ask?" urged the other. "I insist upon knowing what excited your suspicion that this steak was not what it should be?"

"Oh, I dunno," muttered the waiter miserably. "I just asked, that's all."

"But I had made no complaint," mused the large man, knitting his brows and facing around in his chair. "There's some mystery here, sure. Did you ask as a matter of private curiosity or as a"—

Before he could conclude the sentence the waiter broke away and fled headlong to the kitchen. The large man chuckled and resumed his attack on the steak.

"It's like this," he said later to a man who had witnessed the incident and was curious about it. "You see, I'm a drummer, and I live mostly at hotels and restaurants. There are lots of things about such a life that wear on a man, and one of them is the way some waiters keep worrying you all through a meal for fear you'll forget they're on earth when it comes time to settle and tip. There is no earthly reason why any waiter should ever inquire whether a dish is satisfactory. If it isn't, the guest will notify him, and he's there to remedy it. So when one of them begins asking me confidentially whether this or that thing is all right I usually squelch him with the little formula you have just listened to. It never fails to put 'em to flight."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute	8	@	8¼
Standard	8	@	8½
Burlaps	6	@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔		@	8¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔	8	@	8½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	7½	@	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔	7	@	7½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 45
Second-hand machine		@	1 55
New New York, each		@	1 45
New City, each		@	1 45
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 75	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	20	@	25
Northern	27	@	30
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	53½	@	55
Virginia Meal	53½	@	55
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	1 45
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	13	@	14
Dairy Cream	17	@	18
State	11½	@	13
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	11	@	13½
Rio	9½	@	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 2 ℔s		@	70
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	7 50	@	8 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 25	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade	3 25	@	3 50
Choice		@	3 75
Straight		@	4 00
First Patent	4 50	@	4 75
GLUE—℔ ℔—	10	@	11
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	58	@	60
Mixed Corn	55	@	56
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	53½
Oats, from store	35	@	37½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas		@	65
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green salted		@	6
Dry flint	10	@	11
Dry salt	9	@	10
HAY ℔ 100 lbs			
No 1 Timothy	95	@	1 00
Rice Straw	40	@	50
Eastern	90	@	1 00
Western	90	@	1 00
North River		@	90
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	2½	@	3¾
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	6¾	@	8¾
North Carolina	9	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 20
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	18 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogsheads		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	28	@	30
Porto Rico, in barrels	28	@	32
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	15	@	25
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	2 40
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	14 50
Rump		@	14 25
Prime		@	14 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔	11	@	20
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool	91	@	96
American	91	@	96
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5¾	@	6
Standard A		@	5¾
White Extra C		@	5½
Extra C, Golden		@	5¾
C Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	8 00	@	9 00
Common mill	4 00	@	5 00
Fair mill	5 00	@	6 00
Prime mill	6 50	@	7 50
Extra mill	8 00	@	9 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart	4 25	@	5 00
" Sap	3 00	@	3 25
5x20 Heart	2 25	@	2 50
" Sap	1 60	@	1 75
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon Northern	1 00	@	1 10

— Monroe *Journal*: Mr. Mary A. Brickett, widow of the late Dr. T. W. Bickett, died Monday night of paralysis. She had been sick for three weeks. She was about fifty five years old and a daughter of Major David A. Covington. —— Mr. Thomas D. Wolfe, of this place, died early last Wednesday morning. He had been sick for sometime.

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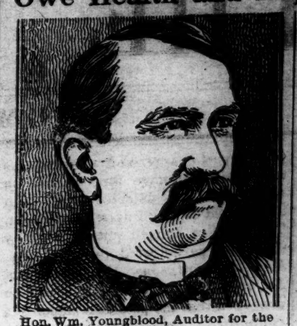

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, December 19

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 37½ cents per gallon for machine made casks at 37 cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.20 per barrel for strained and $1.25 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.30@1.40 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 43½@48c; rosin firm at $1.10@1.15; tar quiet at $1.25; crude turpentine firm at $1.50@$2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	21
Rosin	315
Tar	415
Crude turpentine	319

Receipts same day last year.—73 casks spirits turpentine, 419 bbls rosin, 635 bbls tar, 7 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market quiet on a basis of 9¾c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 15-16	cts ℔ lb
Good ordinary	8 5-16	" "
Low middling	8 15-16	" "
Middling	9¾	" "
Good middling	9 11-16	" "

Same day last year middling steady at 7¼c.

Receipts—904 bales; same day last year, 1,351.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants.]

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PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 80c, Virginia—Prime 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c.

CORN—Firm, 58 to 60 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide-water) 85 cents; upland, 50@60 cents. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 13 to 15c per pound; shoulders, 10 to 11c; sides, 8 to 9c.

EGGS—Firm at 22 cents per dozen.

CHICKENS—Very dull. Grown, 23@25 cents; springs, 12½@20 cts.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25 cents.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½ cents per pound

TURKEYS—Live, dull at 7 to 8c; dressed, 9 to 11c.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 40 to 45c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Money on call steady at 4@5 per cent., last loan being at 4½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484¼ for demand and 480½ for sixty days. Posted rates 481@481½ and 485@485¼. Commercial bills 479½@478¾. Silver certificates 64@65. Bar silver 64. Mexican dollars 50. Government bonds irregular. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds strong. U. S. refund'g 2's reg'd, 105¾; U. S. refund'g 2's, coupon, 105½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, —; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 110; do. coupon, 110; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 138½; do. coupon, 138¾; U. S. 4's, old reg'd 115½; do. coupon, 116; U. S. 5's, reg'd, 113¾; do. coupon, 113¾; Southern Railway 5's 114½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 81; Chesapeake & Ohio 39¾; Manhattan L 113; N. Y. Central 142¾; Reading 25; do. 1st pref'd 69¼; St. Paul, 131¾; do. pref'd, 181; Southern Railway 21¾; pref'd 71; American Tobacco, 111½; do. pref'd 130; People's Gas 99; Sugar 130¾; do. pref'd 115¼; T. C. & Iron 63½; U. S. Leather 14; do. preferred 75¾; Western Union 85¼. Standard Oil 820@824.

BALTIMORE, December 19.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 10¼@10¾; preferred 28¾. Bonds—4's 75¼.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Rosin quiet. Strained common to good $1.75. Spirits turpentine quiet at 40¼@41c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 19.—Spirits turpentine firm at 37c; sales — casks. Rosin firm and unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 19.—Spirits turpentine firm at 37½c; sales 378 casks; receipts 837 casks; exports 138 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 2,388 barrels; receipts 4,309 barrels; exports 5,033 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Speculation did not reach a high pitch in to-day's cotton market. In fact, business was more conservative than yesterday, and aside from a ten point seesaw movement in the forenoon variations were very narrow. On the opening call prices worked up three to nine points on fairly active covering and foreign support, which originated in much better cables from Liverpool and Manchester than expected. Following the call the market gave every promise of developing pronounced strength and further advanced two to five points on moderate covering of near months, buying of January cotton for prominent German interests and support of July by Wall street operators. But towards midday a set back occurred and prices fell nearly to yesterday's closing under active profittaking, the incentive of which was a report that spot cotton South was under heavy receipts. On the down turn local bulls and a few outsiders purchased January and March. During the afternoon business was listless and the market narrow to a discouraging degree. There was nothing in the way of news to give either bulls or bears incentive. The market closed quiet with prices two points higher to five points lower.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Cotton dull; middling uplands 10c.

Cotton futures market closed steady: December 9.61, January 9.45, February 9.34, March 9.39, April 9.24, May 9.20, June 9.18, July 9.16, August 8 89, September 8.30, October 7.95.

Spot cotton closed dull; middling uplands 10c; middling gulf 10¼c; sales 200 bales.

Net receipts 1,051 bales; gross receipts 5,805 bales; stock—not received.

Total to-day—Net receipts 55,126 bales; exports to Great Britain 9,221 bales; exports to France 315 bales; exports to the Continent 2,690 bales; stock 964,834 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 192,971 bales; exports to Great Britain 55,941 bales; exports to France 8,365 bales; exports to the Continent 44,773 bales.

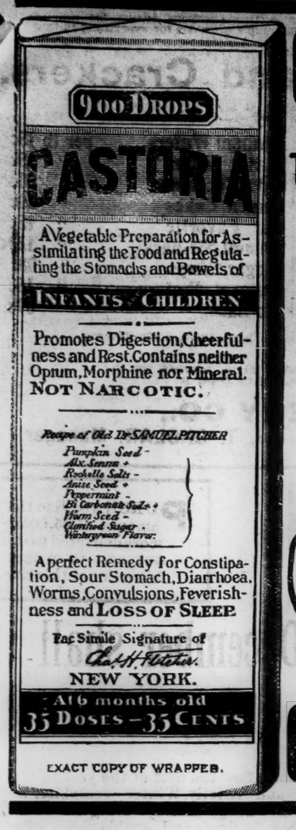
Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 4,154,778 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,526,359 bales; exports to France 320,470 bales; exports to the Continent 1,045,308 bales.

December 19.—Galveston, steady at 9¾, net receipts 16,638 bales; Norfolk, quiet at 9¾c, net receipts 1,700 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 10c, net receipts 1,450 bales; Boston, dull at 10c, net receipts 2,323 bales; Wilmington, quiet at 9¾, net receipts 9,011 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 10¼, net receipts 385 bales; Savannah, quiet at 9 3 16c, net receipts 6,271 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 9¾c, net receipts 18,007 bales; Mobile, quiet at 9¼c, net receipts 1,409 bales; Memphis, firm at 9¼, net receipts 2,202 bales; Augusta, quiet at 9 7 16c, net receipts 1,028 bales; Charleston, steady at 9¼c, net receipts 688 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Flour was quiet but steady, Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 77¾c. f. o. b. afloat. Options were weak for a time under easier English cables and realizing, but after mid day became easier on adverse Argentine crop news, smaller Northwest receipts than at first reported, higher continental cables, local covering, fair clearances and export talk. Closed firm at ½c net advance: March closed 79¼c; May closed 78¾c; December closed 77c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 47c at elevator. Options shared the wheat depression for a time, but developed later strength, liberal clearances, covering by shorts, small contract supplies West and the strength in wheat. Closed firm at ½@¾c net advance. January closed 44½. May closed 42¾c; December closed 46¾c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2 27¼c. Options inactive, steady. Pork steady; family $15 00@16 50; short clear $14 00@15 00; mess $12 00@



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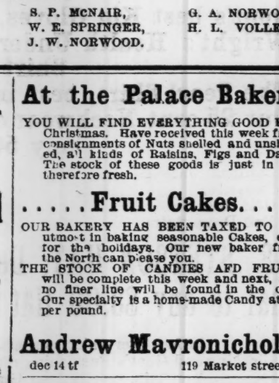

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"Yes, murder will out—maybe," replied the mining engineer as he adjusted the stern fragment of a cigar into an amber holder for a new lease of smoke. "There is nothing that strikes me as more palpably inconclusive than that same quotation. Of course some murders come out, and it is only those that do come out that stand any chance of being identified as murders. Take a practical view of it. If a really crafty man wants to commit murder, do you suppose he is going to knock his game on the head with a club or shoot him up a whole lot on the public highway? Talk about De Quincey's 'Murder as a Fine Art!' I never could see any art about it. All of his murders were clumsy butcheries without any character to them except buckets of blood. Why, I knew an engineer of an electric plant down in South America who could have given De Quincey points and who put his man out of the way so that the coroner didn't think it worth while to hold an inquest.

"You see, they had put in an electric light plant in Caracas along with an ice machine and some artesian wells, so the town was feeling pretty metropolitan. The company had to take all its help down there from the States, but when the plant was up and running they sent the most of them back or drafted them off on other jobs, so that about all they kept were a few linemen and the engineer and his assistant. These two engineers were thrown together all the time, slept in the same quarters, ate at the same table and quite naturally in three months were ready to kill each other on sight.

"The assistant taught the chief poker, and the chief developed rapidly, and pretty soon put his instructor into the hole for about two months' wages. It was summer. The weather was muggy as the inside of a Turkish bath. They hated each other and had nobody else to talk to. They played cards in self defense after work was over, and they snarled over every jack pot. The weather was in their nerves until they felt as though yellow fever with a furlough attached would be an undisguised blessing.

"The assistant couldn't see any way of winning himself out of the hole, and he made up his mind to get even and quit or kill the chief. So one night when the other had thrown out some slur about people that played for paper because it was easy paid the assistant made the chief a proposition to play him one cold hand double or quits. The chief held something like a full house to a four flush, and then the other made up his mind to kill him and put an end to it all.

"It was before the days of direct connected dynamos, and the plant was fixed with an old Westinghouse horizontal engine and a belt connected double brush dynamo set at the other end of the room far enough off to give the belt a good sway on the pulleys. He told me he often sat smoking and figuring just how he could get rid of the chief. He was prejudiced against poison, because he didn't think it could be worked without leaving a clew. He thought sometimes of tripping the old man into the fly wheel when the plant was running, but there might be some hitch about that, as the firemen were always just inside the boiler room, and besides the chief didn't drink, and engineers don't stumble into their machines when they are sober. Finally he hit what he thought was a good plan.

"The old man, who wasn't any older than his assistant, always oiled round just at midnight. When the chief looked at the clock and started after his oil can, the assistant went to the closet and took out a good sized wad of waste and dipped it in the water bucket. Then he walked up close to the driving wheel of the engine. Naturally the driving wheel was bigger than the pulley wheel of the dynamo, so the belt ran on a down grade to the small pulley, passing right alongside the brass oil cup on the main journal.

"When the chief lifted the cap of the oil cup, the assistant called to the dago in the fireroom to lend him a match. That was merely to get a witness on hand. Then he dropped his wad of wet waste on the running belt and walked toward the fireroom door. The wad of waste stuck where it was dropped and was carried down like a flash by the belt. It fetched up slap between the oil cup and the brushes and grounded 2,000 volts of alternating current right through the chief's hand.

"The lights blinked just as the dago showed up in the doorway, and, thus calling the assistant's attention to what had happened, he reached over and yanked the belt off the driver at the imminent risk of losing his own arm. The engine raced a bit, but he shut her down before any harm was done, and then they struck a light and went to the assistance of the chief. But it was too late. He died without ever recovering consciousness.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in a cause therein pending, wherein the City of Wilmington is plaintiff and Charles E. Walker is defendant, the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale at public auction at the court house door in New Hanover county, on the 14th day of January, 1901, at 12 o'clock M., for cash, to the highest bidder, the following piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, county of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the western line of Second street 66 feet north from the northwest intersection of Second and Wright streets and runs thence west and parallel with Wright street 165 feet; thence north and parallel with Second street 66 feet; thence east and parallel with Wright street 165 feet to the western line of Second street; thence south along said western line of Second street 66 feet to the beginning; being the eastern half of Lot 5, Block 31, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington.

This 12th day of December, 1900.

ROBERT RUARK, Commissioner.

IREDELL MEARES, City Attorney. th dec 13 4t

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in a cause therein pending, wherein the City of Wilmington is plaintiff and Joseph L. Lander and Jane Lander are defendants, the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale at public auction, at the court house door in New Hanover county, on the 14th day of January, 1901, at 12 o'clock M., for cash, to the highest bidder, the following pieces or parcels of land, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, county of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the east line of Sixth street 66 feet north of the north line of Queen street; runs thence north with said east line of Sixth street 55 feet; thence east parallel with Queen street 132 feet; thence south parallel with Sixth street 55 feet; thence west parallel with Queen street 132 feet to the beginning; being a part of the western half of Lot 816, in Block 78 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington.

This 12th day of December, 1900.

ROBERT RUARK, Commissioner.

IREDELL MEARES, City Attorney. th dec 13 4t

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in a cause therein pending, wherein the City of Wilmington is plaintiff and D. W. Chadwick and Sarah E. Chadwick are defendants, the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale at public auction, at the court house door in New Hanover county, on the 14th day of January, 1901 at 12 o'clock M., for cash, to the highest bidder, the following piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, county of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Fourth street 238 feet south from the southeastern intersection of Fourth and Brunswick streets; runs thence east parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet; thence south and parallel with Fourth street 40 feet; thence westwardly parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet to the eastern line of Fourth street; thence northwardly on Fourth street to the beginning.

This 12th day of December, 1900.

ROBERT RUARK, Commissioner.

IREDELL MEARES, City Attorney. th dec 13 4t

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in a cause therein pending, wherein the City of Wilmington is plaintiff and Jefferson Smith and wife, Ada C. Smith, are defendants, the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale at public auction, at the court house door in New Hanover county, on the 14th day of January, 1901, at 12 o'clock M., for cash, to the highest bidder, the following piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, county of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake on the south side of Dock street 66 feet westwardly from the corner of Dock and Seventh streets; runs thence with south line of Dock street, westwardly 66 feet; thence southwardly parallel with Seventh street to a point half the distance between Dock and Orange streets in Block 144; thence eastwardly parallel with Dock and Orange streets 66 feet; thence northwardly parallel with Seventh street to the beginning, same being part of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, in Block 144, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington.

This 12th day of December, 1900.

ROBERT RUARK, Commissioner.

IREDELL MEARES, City Attorney. th dec 13 4t

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of a decree in the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in a cause therein pending, wherein the City of Wilmington is plaintiff and Harding Johnson and wife, Alice Johnson, are defendants, the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale at public auction, at the court house door in New Hanover county, on the 14th day of January, 1901, at 12 o'clock M., for cash, the highest bidder, the following piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, county of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the northern line of Chesnut street 99 feet east of the northeastern intersection of Third and Chesnut streets; runs thence east along the said northern line of Chesnut street 75 feet to an alley; thence north and parallel with Third street 174 feet to a brick wall; thence west and parallel with Chesnut street 75 feet to Manger London's line; thence south along the said London's line 174 feet, to the beginning.

This 12th day of December, 1900.

ROBERT RUARK, Commissioner.

IREDELL MEARES, City Attorney. th dec 13 4t

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in a cause therein pending, wherein the city of Wilmington is plaintiff, and Joseph J. Jones, Emma Jones and Rose Jones are defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will expose for sale at public auction, at the Court House door in New Hanover county, on the 14th day of January, 1901, at 12 o'clock M., for cash, to the highest bidder, the following piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the city of Wilmington, county of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the line of the west side of Anderson street 66 feet south from its intersection with the line of the south side of Green street, thence south with said line of Anderson street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Green street 165 feet thence north parallel with anderson street 66 feet, thence east parallel with Green street 165 feet to the beginning.

This 12th day of December, 1900.

ROBERT RUARK, Commissioner.

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LADIES, CHILDREN, MEN AND BOYS MAY NEED A NICE, new, stylish Hat. You know we are headquarters for all kinds of Headwear. We sell Hats, Caps, Women's and Children's Hoods to everybody. I am selling a good many of those beautiful, stylish Hats I bought so cheap in the finest goods. I sell Silk Baby Caps from 25c to $1.00 each. Wool Hoods for children from 15, 25 and 50c, and Ladies' and Girls' Hats from 10c to $10.00. My $1.00, $1.30 and $2.00 Hats are the style of to-day. If you are looking for presents and want Toys for Santa Claus, we have them in the greatest quantity. You can fill your memorandum with us and get your present free. You can get Glassware for $5.00 purchase; for $10.00 purchase you can get crockery; for $15.00 you can get a nice table; for $25.00 purchase you can get a nice chair; for $60.00 purchase you can get a fine writing desk worth $5.00, or a nice damask-covered lounge worth $5.00, or a set of dining room chairs for $60.00 trade. Get your card punched with every cash purchase, and furnish your home. Buy your goods at

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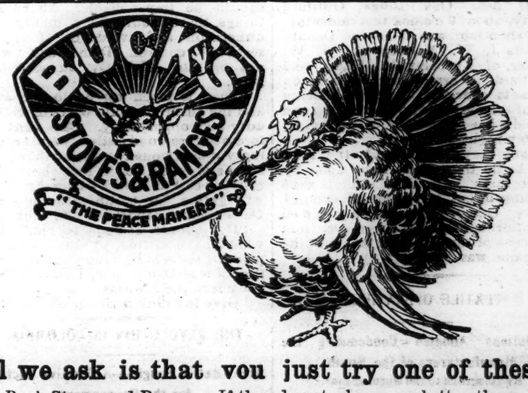

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Between New York, Tampa, Atlanta, New Orleans & Points South & West.

Schedule in Effect Nov. 25th, 1900.

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41	Leaves Wilmington at 3:05 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:14 P. M., Pembroke 5:35 P. M., Maxton 6:06 P. M., Hamlet 7:05 P. M., Wadesboro 8:15 P. M., Monroe 9:20 P. M., Charlotte 10:20 P. M., Athens, Ga., 3:43 A. M., Atlanta 6:05 A. M.	
	Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points. Connects at Hamlet with train No. 27 for Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa and other Florida points; also with train 44 for Raleigh, Petersburg, Richmond, Washington, Baltimore and New York. Other trains leave Hamlet as follows: Train No. 81 (Florida Limited) for Columbia and points South at 6:30 A. M. Train No. 403 for Monroe, Charlotte, Lincolnton, Shelby and Rutherfordton. Athens, Atlanta and all points southwest at 6:30 A. M. Train No. 38 for Raleigh, Norfolk and points North at 8:05 A. M. Train No. 66 for Raleigh, Richmond and points North at 9:30 A. M. Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.	
TRAIN 38	Leaves Hamlet at 8:20 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon. This train takes passengers at Hamlet from train No. 81 (Florida Limited) leaving Richmond at 10:40 P. M. and arriving at Hamlet at 6:35 A. M.; from train No. 403 leaving Norfolk at 9:30 P. M., arriving at Hamlet at 7:10 A. M.; from train No. 38 leaving Atlanta at 9:00 P. M. and Charlotte at 5:45 A. M., arriving at Hamlet at 7:45 A. M.	

Other trains arrive at Hamlet as follows: Train 403 from Atlanta, Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincolnton, Charlotte and Monroe at 9:27 P. M.; train No. 41 from Portsmouth at 7:10 P. M.; train No. 27 from Richmond and points North at 10,27 P. M.; train No. 44 from Columbia and points South at 9 40 P. M., and train No. 66 from Columbia and points South at 9 00 A. M.

For tickets, sleepers, etc., apply to Thos. D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N.C.

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Schedule in Effect Nov. 25, 1900.

DEPARTURES FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.10 A. M., Warsaw 11.24 A. M., Rocky Mount 12.21 P. M., Wilson 1.18 P. M., Selma 2.01 P. M., Smithfield 2.31 P. M., Mount 1.48 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 2.31 P. M., Richmond 7.25 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.20 P. M., Baltimore 1.03 A. M., Philadelphia 3.56 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 7.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 8.43 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., †Tarboro 6.46 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.15 P. M., Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.35 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 3.25 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.30 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 2.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M., Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9 12 P. M., Columbia 10.35 P. M., Denmark 5.55 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 2 45 A. M., Jacksonville 8.30 A. M., St. Augustine 11.10 A. M., Tampa 6.45 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. — No. 52—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12 05 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12 35 P. M., arrives Sanford 1 42 P. M.

CONNECTIONS AT WILMINGTON FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.00 P. M., New York †2 25 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 9.43 A. M., Norfolk 3.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.28 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 9.20 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 8 55 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1.45 P. M., Washington 3.12 P. M., Richmond 6.50 P. M., Petersburg 7.25 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.15 A. M., Leave Wilson 5 57 A. M., Goldsboro 6.45 A. M., Warsaw 7.38 A. M., Magnolia 7.51 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10 05 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.50 A. M., Sanford 2.20 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 5.48 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.29 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.55 P. M. Florence 9.25 A. M., Marion 10.35 A. M., Chadbourn 11.41 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.12 P. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.25 P. M. — No. 53—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.05 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.20 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.30 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.05 A. M. Maxton 9.15 A. M. Red Springs 9.51 A. M., Hope Mills 10.25 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.45 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.12 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 9 17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 18 A. M., arrives Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.17 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.06 P. M., Greenville 6.37 P. M., Kinston 7.59 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.59 A. M., Greenville 8.33 A. M.; arrive Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11 00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.10 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.00 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 8.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 2.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.30 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.20 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.50 A. M., 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 20.

THE BOER INVASION OF CAPE COLONY.

British Alarmed at the Seriousness of the Situation—Rumor That Lord Kitchener Demands Reinforcements.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 20.—The War Office last evening could give no information regarding the reports of a Boer invasion of Cape Colony. The officials expressed the opinion, however, that the newspaper accounts were exaggerated and that probably the troops who have been employed in chasing Gen. DeWet will be diverted to deal with the invaders. Having regard to the customary methods of the War Office, this can only be interpreted as confirming these reports. Lord Kitchener, in the meantime, keeps a tight rein over the news, which increases the public disquietude. There is a persistent rumor that he has demanded heavy reinforcements.

According to the *Daily Mail*, private telegrams received in London yesterday depict the situation in Cape Colony as somewhat ominous. It seems that the invading Boers are receiving considerable assistance from the local Dutch and that the troops at the disposal of the British authorities are not sufficient to cope with any serious spread of the military operations. It is believed that the government has at last awakened to the seriousness of the situation and is making the utmost efforts to provide Lord Kitchener with horses and mules.

Boer Forces Invade Cape Colony.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—It is reported this afternoon that General Knox has been forced to abandon the pursuit of General DeWet owing to the situation created in Cape Colony by the Boers crossing the Orange river. It is said that three thousand republicans have entered Cape Colony and a similar number have reached Philipstown. The report adds that DeWet with about 4 500 men is northeast of Ladybrand and that an attack on Winburg is momentarily expected.

British Losses.

LONDON, December 20.—The British losses at Nooitgedacht, according to the official accounts, were eighty-two killed and wounded, with forty four missing and still unaccounted for.

Another Battle Imminent.

KRUGERSDORP, TRANSVAAL December 16.—A pitched battle is imminent between the British under General Clements, who has been reinforced, and the Boers under General Delarey.

VENEZUELAN REVOLUTION.

Situation Extremely Desperate as Regards Americans and Their Interests.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A cablegram received this afternoon by Vice President A. D. Andrews, of the National Asphalt Company, from Caracas, concerning the revolution which has broken out in Venezuela, asserts that the situation is extremely desperate as regards Americans and their property in the South American republic. The message which was sent by a representative of the National Asphalt Company, which has extensive interests in Venezuela, is urgent in its appeal for immediate action by the United States for the protection of Americans whose lives and properties are imminently endangered. A general attack, the cablegram says, is being planned upon all American interests in Venezuela, and if succor, in the prompt dispatch of warships by the United States government is not forthcoming at once, the results may prove disastrous.

GEN. FITZHUGH LEE

Guest of Honor at Banquet of the Commercial Club of Kansas City.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KANSAS CITY, MO., December 19.—General Fitzhugh Lee, commander of the Department of Missouri, was to-night the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the Commercial Club, given in commemoration of the signing of the John Jay treaty. General Lee, accompanied by his wife and daughter and staff, arrived in Kansas City to-day on a special train in charge of a local reception committee that had gone to Omaha to act as an escort. A reception followed and to-night the banquet, where 350 plates were laid, was the most elaborate ever given by the club. General Lee responded to the toast "Our Country," speaking extemporaneously. Other toasts were responded to.

BLOODHOUNDS ON THE TRAIL.

White Man Shot and Killed by a Negro at Gulf Port, Miss.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, December 19—A special to the *Picayune*, from Gulf Port, Miss., says:

Albert Lewis, a negro, became involved in a quarrel this evening with Marshal W. E. Richardson over the arrest of his nephew. During the altercation the nephew shot and killed Richardson instantly. After firing three shots Lewis and his nephew and son ran westward along the railroad. Bloodhounds from Biloxi were given the trail. About 200 men are following the dogs. Great excitement exists and a lynching is thought to be inevitable.

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT. †

A dispatch to the London *Daily Press* from Vienna reports recent Moslem excesses against the Christian population in the central provinces of Turkey where two hundred Christians have been killed.

Editor's Awful Plight.

F. M Higgins, Editor Seneca (Ills.) *News*, was afflicted for years with Piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes two boxes wholly cured him. It's the surest Pile cure on earth and the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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TREATIES PENDING IN THE SENATE.

A Vote Will Be Taken To-day on the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL.

The Measure as Adopted by Committee. Substitute for House Bill—Numerous Changes—House Proceedings—Pennsylvania R. R.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C. December 20.—The passage of seventy-one private pension bills wos the only feature of business in the open session of the Senate.

Senator Chandler made another effort to get the resolution authorizing the Committee on Privileges and Elections to send for persons and papers in the Montana Senatorial investigation case but failed.

The Urgent Deficiency bill was reported with two minor amendments and passed without debate.

The Senate then went into executive session to consider the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The session demonstrated that the Senate is ready for the vote to-morrow, as no Senator evinced a desire to speak on the treaty.

Mr. Lodge asked the Senate to take up the treaty with Spain providing for the cession to the United States of the Philippine islands and of Sibutu and Cagayan Sulu and their dependencies, in consideration of the payment to Spain of $100,000. Objection to this request was made by several Senators, including Messrs. Hoar, Wellington and Bacon. Senator Lodge explained that the islands are comprised in the Philippine group and said they were supposed to have been ceded by Spain in the Paris treaty. Indeed, the United States had taken possession of the islands under the supposition. It was soon found, however, that the definite line of our acquisition fixed by the treaty cut both of them out.

It is a rule of law, he explained, that a definite boundary description always supersedes an indefinite description. Hence, the treaty for the cession of these islands had been negotiated, and he believed that the United States would be saved much trouble in the future by consummating the bargain. He characterized the proceedings as in the nature of a title quieting process.

Mr. Lodge also called attention to the fact that one of the islands is directly on the line of communication with Borneo and the straits, and drew the conclusion that it might some day be important as a cable station.

Senator Hoar said he should like to have more time to consider the question, and Senator Bacon said that, notwithstanding he is a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, he had not been present when a report upon the treaty was authorized. He would, therefore, appreciate further opportunity to go over the document.

Senator Wellington made unqualified objection.

Accordingly, the treaty for the time was laid aside and at 2.40 P. M. the Senate adjourned.

Army Reorganization Bill.

The full Senate Committee on Military Affairs has adopted the Army Reorganization bill, reported by its subcommittee this afternoon.

The maximum strength of the army is to be 100,000 men. The bill is a complete substitute for the House bill and while much of the language is the same as that of the House measure, there are numerous changes. The bill will be reported to the Senate to morrow.

Probably the most important change affects the artillery arm. The sub committee recommends the retention of the present regimental organization of the artillery and does not give its assent to the corps organization proposed by Secretary Root and accepted by the House. In the matter of the appointment of staff officers, the bill follows largely the lines of the recommendations made by Secretary Root, but makes some changes from the House bill.

The House canteen provision was amended so as to permit the sale of beer at the canteens. This exception was made by omitting the word "beer" from the prohibited articles.

The provision of the new bill regarding the general organization and scope of the army is as follows:

"That from and after the approval of this bill the army of the United States, including the existing organizations, shall consist of fifteen regiments of cavalry, twelve regiments of artillery, thirty regiments of infantry, one lieutenant general, six major generals, fifteen brigadier generals, an adjutant general's department, an inspector general's department, a judge advocate general's department, a quartermaster's department, a subsistence department, a medical department, a pay department, a corps of engineers, an ordnance department, a signal corps, the officers of the record and pension office, the chaplains, the officers and enlisted men of the army on the retired list, the professors, corps of cadets, the army service detachment and band at the United States military academy, Indian scouts as now authorized by law, and such other officers and enlisted men as may hereinafter be provided for.

The maximum strength is fixed in the following provision at the close of the bill:

"That when in his opinion the conditions in the Philippine islands justify such action, the President is authorized to enlist natives of those islands for service in the army, to be organized as scouts, with such officers as he shall deem necessary for their proper control, or as troops or companies, as authorized by this act, for the regular army. The President is further authorized, in his discretion, to form companies organized as companies of the regular army, in squadrons or battalions, with officers and non-commissioned officers corresponding to similar organizations in the cavalry and infantry arms. The total number of enlisted men in said native organizations shall not exceed twelve thousand, and the total enlisted force of the line of the army, together with such native force shall not exceed at any time one hundred thousand."

The field officers for the native troops are all to be Americans for the present, but whenever the Filipinos show fitness for command the President is authorized to make provisional selections from among them for the grades of first and second lieutenants.

A native regiment of Porto Ricans also is authorized.

House of Representatives.

The House to-day at the end of a spirited contest extending over two days passed bills to compel the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads to abolish grade crossings, to alter their routes into the city and to change their terminal facilities. An amendment was placed upon the Pennsylvania bill to require the road to build a new station to cost not less than $1,500,000. The bills were vigorously antagonized by a portion of the minority under the leadership of Mr. Cowherd, of Missouri, on the ground that they were too liberal to the roads. The Baltimore and Ohio bill appropriated $1,500,000 outright for the road, in consideration of the changes it would be compelled to make.

At 5:35 the House adjourned.

THE POWERS IN PEKIN.

Ministers Sign the Joint Note—Chinese Envoys Will Have Reasonable Time to Consider the Proposition.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PEKIN, December 19.—At a meeting of the foreign ministers late this evening everything in regard to the terms of the joint note was agreed to, including the British modifications. The ministers refuse to disclose anything in connection with the matter, believing that the home governments should give the particulars to the public.

It is understood the preamble to the joint note will not contain the word "irrevocable."

The Chinese peace envoys will be given a reasonable time within which to consider the demands made and then will follow the formal negotiations for the settlement of the peace terms.

Officials here still decline to make public the text of the note agreed on, but it is believed that the following points cover the essential features of the agreement:

The punishment of the officials guilty of the Boxer outrages.

The payment of indemnity for the wrongs inflicted by the Boxers to the person, corporations and societies which have suffered.

The revision of commercial treaties.

Some reform in the Tsung Li Yamen, so that the ministers having business with the foreign office may transact it more expeditiously and with a responsible head.

A monument to Baron Von Ketteler, the German minister who was killed in Pekin, and the appointment of a prince of the blood to proceed to Germany to make formal apology to the Emperor for the crime.

The right to keep a legation guard in Pekin, if this is desired.

The exclusion of candidates for examination for office for a certain number of years in the case of those who may be guilty of anti-foreign activity.

An interdiction of importations of arms into China and of material to be used exclusively in the manufacture of arms.

The taking of measures to prevent future troubles.

Some modification, it is believed, was made to the proposed dismantling of the forts, so that hereafter there will be nothing of this character that will prevent ready access to the legations in Pekin.

It is now learned that the entire misunderstanding which has delayed the consummation of the agreement at Pekin was caused by the change or omission of the single digit in a complex group of figures making up one of the cipher messages of instructions to Mr. Conger. Curiously enough the change in this single digit exactly reversed the meaning of the entire message, so that Mr. Conger in opposing the English view, was acting exactly contrary to the spirit of his instructions, though in accordance with their letter.

THE BOOZ CASE.

Special Committee of the House to Investigate the Matter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19,—The special committee appointed by Speaker Henderson to investigate the circumstances connected with the death of Oscar L. Booz who is alleged to have died as a result of injuries received from "hazing," while a cadet at West Point, held its first meeting to-day and decided to enter upon the investigation immediately after the holiday recess. The committee has determined to probe the Booz case to the bottom.

WEST POINT, N. Y., December 19.—Very interesting testimony was brought out to-day by the court of inquiry which is investigating the alleged hazing of cadets at the military academy here, in connection with the recent death of former cadet Booz.

Thirty-five cadets were examined, one of whom was the brother of Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson, of Merrimac fame, another was the son of General Phil Sheridan, and a third, Marke Brooke, of Pennsylvania, is a nephew of General Brooke, who is the presiding officer of the court. All three told of the hazing they got during the encampment of '98 at the time Oscar L. Booz was their class mate, and not one of them said that the treatment they received or the things they had to do were either brutal or degrading.

TWO BROTHERS KILLED.

Shot by Deputy Sheriffs While Resisting Arrest in Guilford County.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WINSTON, N. C., December 19.—Frank Huffines and his brother, whose name was not learned, were shot and mortally wounded at the home of their father near Oak Ridge, Guilford county, about 6 o'clock this morning. The shooting was done by Deputy Sheriffs J. W. Mooney and J. W. Waller, of Kernersville. They were deputized to arrest the brothers on warrants charging them with being two of the parties who broke into and robbed a bar room near Kernersville, Sunday night.

When the officers went to the Huffines home they were fired upon by the brothers. A number of shots were exchanged, but the deputies escaped injury. One of the wounded men died this afternoon and the last report from the scene of the shooting was that the other one was dying.

TEXTILE OPERATIVES.

Resolutions Adopted Condemning the Manufacturers of the South.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—The National Federation of Textile Operatives before adjourning *sine die* this afternoon adopted resolutions calling for a charter from the American Federation of Labor and condemning the manufacturers of the South for alleged attempts to deny the operatives the right to organize and urging the Southern operatives to continue the agitation for the passage of laws reducing the hours of labor.

Tuesday night at Hickory, N. C., the Southern Railway attempted to build a track across the Narrow Gauge track, at the depot crossing there. A force of Narrow Gauge men interfered, and a riot was with difficulty averted. The town authorities placed the leaders under arrest and stopped the trouble.

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CLEVELAND ON TRUE DEMOCRACY

The Ex-President Gives His Views on the Present Condition of the Party.

ITS PLIGHT AND THE REMEDY

Reorganization is Worse Than Useless. Preaches the Return of Democracy to Its Old Faith--Condemns the Fallacy of Free Silver.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Former President Grover Cleveland contributes to this week's issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*, of Philadelphia, an extended article on the plight of the Democracy and the remedy. Mr. Cleveland begins by reviewing the history of the party, and he discusses its defeats since 1864, in detail. In taking up the question of the present conditions of the Democracy, he says that the success of the party in 1892 was so decisive and overwhelming that a long continuance of its supremacy was anticipated. Then came the fallacy of "free silver and populism." Mr. Cleveland proceeds as follows:

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"The culmination of Democratic woe was reached when its compact with these un-democratic forces was complete, and when our rank and file were summoned to do battle under banners which bore strange symbols and were held aloft in unfamiliar hands. The result of such a betrayal was foredoomed. This abandonment of the principles of true Democracy, this contemptuous disobedience of its traditions, and this deliberate violation of the law of its strength and vigor, were by a decree as inexorable as those of fate, followed by the inevitable punishment of stunning, staggering defeat.

"The disaster of 1872, invited by similar mad adventure, was quickly followed by a return to the professions and practices of sane Democracy. But the extent and persistency of our wanderings in 1896 is illustrated in a most astounding way by the command, issued on the day of our rout and discomfiture, that a second battle should be fought on the same field, with the same false war cries, and the same leadership, that had brought us to the surrounding gloom of defeat."

Again he says:

"Thus in 1900 the lesson of 1896 was contemptuously rejected, and every hope of Democratic success was willfully cast aside. Again our long suffering rank and file, whose loyalty and obedience deserved better things, were sacrificed in a cause theirs only in name; and again it was demonstrated, but more clearly than ever before, that the only forces that can win Democratic success are adherence to recognized Democratic principles and reliance upon Democratic councils and leadership.

"Why should we not return to these, and in their name again achieve victories no less glorious and renowned than were ours in the days of courageous advocacy of our time honored faith? Are our principles so shop worn or antiquated as to require renovation, or their displacement by others more fashionable? There is not an honest Democrat in this broad land that will concede these things, nor is there one who would not hail the proclamation of the old faith with that fighting enthusiam that foretokens Democratic triumph. As new conditions arise, our principles must be applied to them; but in the creed that has guided us through a century of party existence we shall find the key to every such application; nor shall we need the lexicon of Populism to aid us in interpreting this creed."

Mr. Cleveland touches in turn on free silver and the Federal courts, and believes that true Democrats are all against condemning "the general government for protecting itself in the exercise of its functions against violent obstruction within a State."

Further on he declares:

"I believe no Democrat will have the hardihood to deny that we have fought our last two campaigns in alliance with undemocratic forces, and that this alliance was immensely costly in defeat. Is there not good reason to suppose that even in success such an alliance would have proved unprofitable and dangerous?"

He preaches the return of the Democracy to its old faith, saying:

"Sincere Democrats of every condition and in every part of the land realize that the situation of the party needs repair. Reorganization is not necessary, but a return from our wanderings is absolutely essential. Let us be frank with ourselves and candidly acknowledge the futility of attempting to gain Democratic victories except in the Democratic cause and through Democratic methods.

Re organization is worse than useless; and the arrogation of superior party virtue will breed only mischief. This is a time for sober thought, tolerant language and fraternal counsels. We are dealing with the condition of a party that cannot be destroyed by external foes; and since its ruin can be wrought only from within, it should be imperishable. Above all things, there should be a manly renunciation and avoidance of undue sectional control. Democracy will not operate efficiently on sectional lines.

"There is much for us to do; and and the future is full of Democratic duty and opportunity. Our fighting forces will respond listlessly and falteringly if summoned to a third defeat in a strange cause; but if they hear the rallying call of true Democracy they will gather for battle with old time Democractic enthusiasm add courage.

"If I should attempt to epitomize what I have written, by suggesting a plan for the rehabilitation and restoration of true Democracy, I should embody it in these words:

"Give the rank and file a chance."

THE REVOLUTION IN COLOMBIA.

Great Battle Fought—A Decisive Victory for the Government.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—The State Department has received a cablegram from United States Charge d'Affaires Deaupre, at Bogota, stating that a great battle had been fought at Girardot Point, Madeline river, Colombia, which lasted two days and resulted in a decisive victory for the Government. It is reported that six hundred were killed and many hundreds wounded. Other victories by the Government forces of the utmost importance have been announced. The Government is celebrating the victories and considers itself greatly strengthened by the success of its arms.

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GREAT FIRE AT COLUMBIA.

Jerome Hotel and Other Buildings Destroyed—Total Loss is Estimated at $142,000

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 19.—To-night Columbia was visited by the most disastrous fire in twenty years. The Jerome Hotel and three large mercantile establishments on Main street and four smaller ones on Assembly were destroyed. The total estimated loss is $142,000; insurance, $53,000.

The fire started at 8 o'clock in the rear of Van Meter's furniture store, a lamp having exploded. A livery stable and a hay warehouse adjoining caught in almost a second's time, and the fire started to burning through to Main and Assembly streets, clearing everything until stopped by an alley dividing the square.

The Jerome has been political headquarters for the State for years. The building and furniture were valued at $75,000; insurance $30,000. Other losses: J. M. VanMeter, two store buildings $18,000; stock (furniture) $30,000; insurance $30,000. M. McCrary, stock of groceries and house hold effects, $9,000; insurance $4,000. King Racket Store, stock $6,000; insurance $6,000. May stables, contents $1,000; insured. B. F. P. Leappart, two brick store buildings, $4,000. William H. Lyles, store building, $3,500; insurance, $3,000.

The fire was under control by mid night.

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD.

New Light Vessel Asked for at Cape Lookout Shoals.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—The annual report of the United States Light House Board urgently recommends the establishment of a first order light at Hillsboro inlet, to complete the system of lighting on the South Atlantic coast by filling the long gap between Jupiter inlet and Fowry Rocks. A new light vessel is asked for, to be located at Cape Lookout shoals, N. C.

WARM WIRELETS

James J. Jeffries and Gus Rhulin have signed articles of agreement to box twenty rounds, Marquis of Queensbury rules, at the Saengerfest Hall, Cincinnati, on February 15th.

The British steamer Falls of Inversnaid, from Newport News, October 4th, for Buenos Ayres, has been posted at Lloyds as missing. The vessel has never been heard of since she sailed

Dr. Charles James O'Hagen, of Greenville, N. C., one of the oldest and best known physicians in the State, died suddenly Tuesday night of apoplexy, at his home in that town.

The police census of the city of Raleigh, taken on account of dissatisfaction with the result of the government census, was completed yesterday. It shows 13,774 people in the city limits, or only 31 more than the government enumeration.

The Harvard University base ball schedule for next Spring has been practically completed. Twenty-four games will be played, including the following: April 13th, Virginia, at Charlottesville, Va.; April 17th, Trinity, at Durham, N. C.

Engineers, firemen, conductors and train men of the Santa Fe railroad system have issued a statement declaring that they will remain neutral in the telegraphers' strike and regretting that they are unable to affect a settlement between the company and the strikers.

Edward Cudahy, Jr., aged 15 years, son of Edward A. Cudahy, millionaire packer and head of the Cudahy Packing Company in Omaha, is missing from his home in that city, and his parents believe he has been kidnapped.

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Lemon Snaps	" 20c	Our Favorite	" 15c
Iced Creams	" 10c	Animal Nic-nacs	" 12½c
Assorted Fingers	" 20c	Ginger Snaps	" 08c
Walnut Bon Bons	" 10c	Banquet Wafers	" 15c
Hustlers		Nic-nacs	" 09c

The quality of these goods is all right. Crisp, finely flavored and fresh from the bakery.

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